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Reason 1.4 (d)

(C) Pol-Econ officer outlined U.S. concerns regarding the proposed EU-Syria Association Agreement (reftel) with Portuguese Deputy EU Correspondent Florbela Cardy and Joana Galliano Tavares. Cardy told us that she doubted the issue would be ready for the foreign ministers' discussion (GAERC) in the next few months. Neither Cardy nor Tavares offered an indication of how Portugal would vote, however Portugal has historically supported the EU consensus on Middle East issues.
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